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Export of Cotton Yarn

358. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to stop the export of cotton yarn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment of its impact on cotton production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). In order to ameliorate the difficulties of decentralised handloom and powerloom weavers arising out of high prices/declining availability of cotton yarn. Government have suspended cotton yarn exports with effect from 21st September, 1991. However, the following categories of exports are exempt from the suspension order.

i) Exports under Advance Licencing/ 100% EOU Scheme.

ii) Exports to countries where cotton yarn exports from India are under quantitative restraints (EEC),

iii) Cotton yarn of courts 60s and above.

iv) where export obligation of cotton yarn has been undertaken against import of capital goods at concessional duty.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Indo German Trade

359. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level discussion were held between the officials of India and Germany to widen and improve Indo-German trade; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the strategy adopted to expand trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The prospects for further improvement in Indo-German Bilateral Trade was discussed during the IX th Session of the Indo-German Joint Commission for Industrial and Economic Cooperation held in New Delhi on November 19th, 1991. Both sides underlined the positive development of bilateral trade, especially of India's exports to Germany. it was concluded that the German economic area, now larger as a result of reunification, and the necessary renewal of infrastructure and industry in the new states of the Federal Republic of Germany were offering additional opportunities for Indian supplies to the German market. It was emphasised that further strengthening of activities such as simplification of procedures, market information, upgradation of standards and quality control and frequent exchanges of industry specific delegations etc would facilitate access of Indian exports to the enlarged German market.

Export of Cars

360. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries which are importing cars from India at present; and